

## PREPARING TO DEFEND PETROGRAD

Russians Reported Evacuating Vilna  
and Withdrawing Military Mater-  
ial from Grodno; Austrians  
are Pressing Luzk

## "PEACE FEELERS" FIND NO FAVOR

No Change in British Sentiment;  
Determined to Fight Till Foe  
Driven from France  
and Belgium

By United Press.  
Berlin, Aug. 31.—Russians are fever-  
ishly preparing to defend Petrograd  
as they evacuate Vilna, say reports  
from German aviators, who are scout-  
ing over the section. Leaders at the  
front declare the Russians are with-  
drawing military supplies from Grodno  
and falling back on the Lida railway.  
The fall of the Luzk fortress seems  
only a matter of time with Austrian  
forces drawing constantly nearer.

Bulgaria Signs Treaty?  
By United Press.  
London, Aug. 31.—Athens reports  
that Bulgaria and Turkey have actu-  
ally signed a treaty by which the neu-  
trality of the former during the re-  
mainder of the war is guaranteed. The  
report has neither been confirmed nor  
denied by the Bulgarian legation.

Peace Not in Sight.  
By United Press.  
London, Aug. 31.—The United Press  
is able to state on the best of author-  
ity that the peace situation, despite  
the alleged German "peace feelers,"  
has undergone no change. Neither the  
official England nor the public is in-  
clined to accept peace, honorable or  
otherwise. The country is determined  
that Germany shall be driven from  
France and Belgium.

Sweden Favors Allies.  
Edward Bjorkman, the Swedish  
American author, stated to the United  
Press this morning that Sweden would  
never enter the war on the side of  
Germany. "The majority of Swedes  
are against war," he said, "but they  
favor the allies."

Advisory Committee Approved.  
By United Press.  
Petrograd, Aug. 31.—The council of  
the empire appointed by Czar Nicho-  
las, it is announced today, approves  
the Duma bill providing for an ad-  
visory committee with powers of ad-  
ministration in army affairs. The rumors  
of a coalition cabinet continue.

The advisory committee will include  
members of the Duma and the imper-  
ial council. It will also undertake re-  
lief measures for refugees in the dis-  
tricts occupied by the enemy.

British Claims.  
London, Aug. 31.—A report from  
Field Marshal Sir John French, com-  
mander in chief of the British army  
in the field, was given out by the  
British war office as follows:

"Since my last communication of Au-  
gust 18, there has been no fighting on  
our front to record. There has been  
a certain amount of mining activity  
but conditions generally have been  
normal."

"Both on the 18th and the 21st we  
succeeded in shooting down enemy  
aeroplanes. On the 25th our heavy  
artillery set fire to a railway train at  
Langemarck station (about five miles  
northeast of Ypres.)"

Turkish Claims.  
Vienna, Aug. 31.—Via London.—An  
official statement says:

"Russian theater of war: The  
armies of Gen. Planzer and Bothmer  
have advanced to strip A. At several  
points the enemy attempted to arrest  
our pursuit but was everywhere re-  
pulsed."

"The troops of Gen. Boehm-Ermolli  
encountered strongly manned posi-  
tions east of Zlocow and on the line  
running from Hally-Kamien, across  
Toporow to Radziechow. The enemy  
was attacked and repulsed at several  
points along this front."

"In Volhynia our forces advancing  
toward Latsk gained ground."

WERE IN A HURRY.  
M. E. Williams, 25, Marlow, and Miss  
Mulee Lomer, 18, an Indian maiden,  
Foster, were in such a hurry to get  
married last night that they insisted  
upon Judge R. E. Davenport just re-  
maining at his home, issuing them the  
license and marrying them without  
more ado. They came to his home at  
6:30 last night.

## ESKRIDGE PRESIDENT OF NORMAL

Dr. J. B. Eskridge, for two years  
head of the Oklahoma College for Wo-  
men, has been elected head of the  
Weatherford normal, according to a  
message he received late this morning  
from R. H. Wilson, state superintend-  
ent. Dr. Eskridge left for Oklahoma  
City at 2:30 this afternoon, from where  
he will go directly to the school he is  
to head and begin work immediately.

While no advance information was  
received as to the appointment, friends  
of the educator were not at all sur-  
prised at the place given him by the  
state board of education. In fact, his  
name had been mentioned prominently  
in connection with a number of  
state schools.

"I will keep Chickasha as my legal  
residence," Dr. Eskridge said, as he  
was preparing to take the train for  
Oklahoma City. I will move my family  
to Weatherford about September  
10, but Chickasha will remain my vot-  
ing place."

Full credit to his host of Chickasha  
friends is given by the normal presi-  
dent for his getting the new position.  
"It is indorsements from the people  
with whom one has lived and been as-  
sociated and with whom one has lab-  
ored that really count after all," he  
said.

The Weatherford normal, of which  
Dr. Eskridge will take charge immedi-  
ately, last year had a total enrollment  
of some twelve hundred students, the  
new superintendent states. It is de-  
clared to be one of the fastest grow-  
ing institutions in Oklahoma.

Best wishes for success in his new  
field follow the educator from Chick-  
asha friends.

## MYSTERY IN DALLAS SHOOTING

By United Press.  
Dallas, Aug. 31.—Police here are  
utilizing every means in their power  
to penetrate the mystery of the H. N.  
Swain shooting in his residence last  
night. He is a prominent attorney and  
former army officer.

It is thought here that Swain's wife  
may have committed the act. She was  
arrested this morning but released on  
\$1000 bond on the charge of assault  
with intent to murder. She has stead-  
fastly refused to make any statement.

Swain is shot once in the abdomen,  
once in the face and once in the hand.  
It is thought that he will recover and  
police are impatiently awaiting his  
statement.

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## WHITE STAR LINER ARABIC SUNK BY GERMANS



Steamer Arabic of the White Star line, torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the South coast of Ireland as she was on her way from Liverpool to Boston. Of the 423 persons aboard about twenty are missing, and two of these are Americans. The map shows where the Arabic lies, in relation to the location of the similar successful attacks on the Lusitania and the Iberian.

## NEW CIGAR FACTORY TO OPEN HERE

A cigar factory, employing at the  
beginning only three men, but which  
will be increased in size as the de-  
mand for goods grows, is to be opened  
in Chickasha September 1. "A Lewis  
& Son" is the style of the firm. They  
already have a plant in Oklahoma City  
which employs fifteen men.

The "Dixie" cigar is to be the spe-  
cialty of the new Chickasha factory.  
Mr. Lewis stated this morning that  
they would place the brand in every  
store in town and they themselves  
would push the sale. The goods are to  
be manufactured in the building ad-  
joining Bill & John's restaurant, at  
221½ Chickasha avenue.

The cigar maker will work in the  
window there so that one can see just  
how good tobacco is in the "Dixie"  
cigar, the manager of the new concern  
stated. They will do both a wholesale  
and retail business.

## FRAUD IS ALLEGED

E. J. Guess, a Chickasaw, thinks H.  
C. Entz, Charles N. Voss, Frank G.  
Jenkins and R. L. Murray have de-  
frauded him out of the land which be-  
longed to his son, Overton Guess, now  
deceased, so he has filed suit in the  
district court here against him, asking  
for the possession of the land and the  
payment of \$3.50 an acre as rental on  
the property for the last eight years.

Guess claims that Deck and Connel,  
attorneys for R. L. Murray, got the  
name of the infant Guess placed on  
the rolls, then got for \$450 a deed to  
the land when it was really worth  
\$3000. The Indian is being represent-  
ed by A. L. Lewis of Denison and Por-  
ter Newman of Durant.

## VICTIM COUSIN OF PRESIDENT

By United Press.  
Denver, Col., Aug. 31.—Edward F.  
Welles, who was killed by Mexican  
bandits, according to yesterday's dis-  
patches, was a cousin by marriage of  
President Wilson.

Welles was a prosperous mining man  
here before he went to Mexico and  
became connected with a tobacco plan-  
tation company.

MUCH RUBBER REQUIRED.  
Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 31.—Thou-  
sands of feet of sheet rubber for Uncle  
Sam's second dirigible are being turn-  
ed out here. The rubber, which is of  
unusual tensile strength, will be de-  
shipped by the Connecticut company  
building the huge balloon.

## MANY FLOATS ARE ENTERED

The Chickasha Milling company is  
offering a hundred pound sack of flour  
as one of the prizes in the big flower  
parade and trades procession to be  
held at 2 o'clock on September 22. The  
Owl drug store has also offered a  
thermos bottle as one of the prizes and  
others are to be announced later.

Meanwhile all kinds of entries are  
coming in, the committee in charge  
announces. Mrs. M. B. Emerson has  
charge of the commercial floats. She  
says it seems that all the business  
houses in town will be represented.  
All those who wish to enter in this  
division should phone Mrs. Emerson.  
Mrs. R. M. Cavett agreed to take  
charge of the comic float committee.  
She will take the place of Dr. Martha  
Bledsoe, who as president of the Busi-  
ness Women's club is ex-officio mem-  
ber of all committees.

## FINED FOR GETTING IN WRONG BED

Harry Broadway wanted to go to  
bed and be peaceable all right, but he  
just simply found the wrong house. He  
saw a front porch on Iowa avenue that  
looked inviting to him, so he just  
walked right up, opened the door and  
went into a bed room without out  
any formality at all. The residents  
didn't mind his making himself at  
home so much, but when he "turned  
in" in one of the beds without even  
taking off his shoes, they called the  
police.

Broadway squared things with the  
city by paying a fine in police court  
of \$15.

Ethel Strong, a negro, paid part of  
her fine this morning, then had a friend  
out trying to hustle the rest of it.  
Ethel had been in police court before,  
officers say. She was accused this  
time of immoral conduct and theft.  
She was convicted of stealing a bill  
book that did not contain money but  
did contain lodge receipts and other  
valuable papers. She had only \$5 of  
her own, so she sent for a friend to go  
out and get \$10 more. Judge Coffman  
declared that the floors at the city  
hall needed cleaning anyway, so they  
would just keep her there for a while  
if she couldn't raise the money.

H. W. Warren, a negro, was accus-  
ed of immoral conduct and maintain-  
ing a house of ill fame. He was let off  
for \$10, which he paid.

## TOMATOES COMING

Those tomatoes are beginning to  
come in. Mrs. E. C. Stuckwisch of 415  
North Eighth street, brought in the  
first ones this morning. They were  
of a small variety, being the little pear  
preserving kind, but they were declar-  
ed to be extra choice ones. They will  
be preserved for the county fair.

## SCORE OF BABIES ON LIST NOW

"Three hundred? Yes, we'll have  
five hundred babies in that show if  
the amount of early interest in it is  
any criterion," Dr. Martha Bledsoe,  
in charge of the Better Babies contest,  
said last night as she marked down  
the name of the twenty-first entry on  
her "baby book."

"We have been having letters and  
telephone calls ever since the an-  
nouncement of the show," she said.  
"Mothers in every part of the county  
seem anxious to take advantage of the  
big opportunity offered them to have  
their baby examined by physicians  
who are especially instructed in the  
work. We may not get all the chil-  
dren in the county between the ages  
of six months and three years, but we  
will get most of them."

## COLLEGE TO OPEN SAT.

Furniture was being moved into the  
first annex to Nellie Sparks hall this  
morning preparatory to the coming of  
students the last of the week. Prof.  
and Mrs. Edgar Cowan are to have  
charge of the house. They are moving  
their goods to the dormitory building  
and Mr. and Mrs. Howard are moving  
into the Cowan house. Mr. Howard is  
an instructor in the high school.

Preparations meanwhile are contin-  
uing for the beginning of registra-  
tion Saturday. President Austin is  
insisting that all Chickasha girls re-  
port on that day.

## DENVER SOCIETY WOMAN SUICIDE

By United Press.  
Dallas, Aug. 31.—"I'm tired of life,"  
is the note friends of Mrs. Bena Kemp,  
a Denver society woman, found on the  
dresser this morning when they en-  
tered the room to find the woman dead  
with a bullet hole in her head and a  
revolver clamped in her hand.

The woman was found in a room of  
the Campbell hotel, where she was  
staying during a visit with her sister  
in this city. She died instantly, the  
attending physician stated, the bullet  
having penetrated the brain.

## PREPARE FOR ROUGH WEATHER.

By United Press.  
Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 31.—Members  
of the coast guard along the gulf have  
been ordered to report at their sta-  
tions today for stormy season service.  
The complete guard will go on duty  
tomorrow and remain through the  
rough weather until early spring.

REST AND READING ROOM.  
That the public will witness the  
county fair exhibition will not only  
have a place to rest, but a reading  
room to rest in, was decided last night  
by the library board.  
The Carnegie library exhibit will be  
a reading room, and this room will be  
made an attractive rest room for the  
public.

## KILLED BY ADHERENTS OF ALLIES?

By United Press.  
Gary, Ind., Aug. 31.—The belief is  
growing that Rev. Edmund Kayser,  
who was murdered here a week ago,  
was killed by adherents of the allies.  
This belief is based upon alleged  
telegram that are believed to have  
passed from the Lutheran minister to  
Ambassador Bernstorff. It is said that  
these telegrams indicate that Kayser,  
if not a paid spy, was at least an  
active worker for the German cause.  
Apparently harmless messages sent  
by the minister, urging an embargo on  
the shipment of arms to Europe, it is  
declared by federal officials investi-  
gating the case, may have been in  
code.

## REPORT OF GEN. SCOTT SUBMITTED

By United Press.  
Washington, Aug. 31.—Secretary  
Lansing today received the report of  
Gen. Scott concerning the attitude of  
Villa.

It was already known that the Vil-  
listas favor the peace plan.

The report of Gen. Scott is expected  
to largely influence the Pan-American  
conference the next meeting of whom  
will be held within a few days.

## MUNITIONS GO TO MEXICO.

By United Press.  
Washington, Aug. 31.—The steamer  
Isadora which has been held at Pensa-  
cola for two weeks on the order of the  
department of justice, cleared for a  
Mexican port with a cargo of munitions.  
The state department declined to  
interfere with the shipment.

## STRIKE IS AVERTED?

By United Press.  
London, Aug. 31.—Following a con-  
ference today, the miners' committee  
announced that they would recommend  
that the men accept the new agree-  
ment. The strike is considered set-  
tled.

By United Press.  
London, Aug. 31.—The danger point  
in the threatened general strike of  
coal miners in Wales is today believ-  
ed to be past.

A thousand or more miners quit  
work in the Monmouthshire district  
but officials of the miners' organiza-  
tion express the opinion that a satis-  
factory agreement with the operators  
will be reached before night.

What transpired at the conference  
that were held yesterday has not been  
revealed.

## BERLINERS WOULD WELCOME BRYAN.

By United Press.  
London, Aug. 31.—A Berlin  
newspaper hears that William  
J. Bryan is coming to Berlin  
and promises him a "reception  
worthy of the cause he so elo-  
quently advocates."

According to information re-  
ceived here, Bryan has no in-  
tention of coming to Europe.

## ECONOMY IS KEYNOTE IN ENGLAND

Parliamentary Savings Committee  
Issues Strong Appeal to People  
on Opening of Second  
Year of Strife

## URGE REDUCTION IN LUXURY BILL

Must Consume Less in Order to  
Conserve Credit; Thrift Cam-  
paign to Permeate Every  
Kitchen and Garden

By WILBUR S. FORREST.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
London, Aug. 19.—(By mail.)—Eng-  
land has entered the second year of  
war on a strict basis of economy.

Saving is not only a national duty  
but a bald imperative necessity. The  
government must have \$5,000,000,000  
a year to carry on the war. The gov-  
ernment's annual revenue is only  
\$1,350,000,000. The balance—\$3,650,-  
000,000, must be furnished by the na-  
tion—the people.

The answer is: Strict economy—  
starting right away.

This is the keynote of a stern mes-  
sage to the people from the parliamen-  
tary war savings committee, headed by  
Premier Asquith, Bonar Law and  
other notables. Assisted by experts  
on national economy, the committee is  
telling the people what to save and  
how to save it.

A booklet for nation-wide distribu-  
tion, soon to be published by the com-  
mittee will place the issue before  
every British citizen, rich and poor,  
high and low. The language is simple  
and to the point.

Here is the little problem in arith-  
metic that the government economists  
write on the national blackboard for  
Mr. John Bull:

Eliminate the millions and just sup-  
pose that the British government were  
an every day garden variety of man  
—John Bull. John has been enjoying  
a comfortable income of \$11,500 a  
year. After spending money for house-  
hold necessities, week-end trips to the  
sea shore and furnishing gasoline for  
his automobile he has been able to  
save \$1500 a year. This, suppose, sud-  
denly, he finds himself enmeshed in a  
lawsuit with his aggressive neighbor,  
Herr Johann Schmidt, of Berlin. To  
carry on the law suit he must spend  
\$5000 a year. How can he find the  
money?

He has four alternatives, the govern-  
ment experts say:

1. Sell his investments.
2. Borrow from other people.
3. Draw on money he has in the bank.
4. Save out of the money he usually spends.

But if he employs any of the first  
three suggestions he will come out of  
the lawsuit poorer than he went in.  
There is but one logical suggestion and  
that is to save—eliminate the luxuries.  
It means that he'll have to economize,  
to eat, drink, smoke and dress less  
expensively; keep fewer servants,  
travel less, go to the theater less; uti-  
lize his garden to grow the flowers  
that he formerly bought of the florist,  
and the potatoes and vegetables that  
he previously took from the grocer;  
garage his automobile and do without  
innumerable unnecessary things that  
eat into the family exchequer. If John  
Bull does all this he can keep on with  
his suit against Johann Schmidt indefi-  
nitely and when it is all over he will  
be no poorer. He can then revert to  
the original and more comfortable  
mode of living.

This, say the parliamentary econo-  
mists, is the government's plan in a  
nutshell. It means to save and scrape  
to keep up its battlefield lawsuit to  
the indefinite end—and to emerge  
with unimpaired credit.

It is pointed out to John Bull col-  
lectively and individually that to sell  
stocks and bonds abroad means a  
poorer England; to borrow from other  
nations means a greater and heavier  
national debt; to draw on the prevail-  
ing national fund means sending gold  
abroad and endangers British world-  
wide banking. The problem that  
Johann Schmidt's lawsuit puts up to  
John Bull is the same problem that

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